

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 17, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 N Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Aaron Gurley answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES: Daubenspeck moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. We have been busy with several employees bring off due to Covid.
2. We have been preparing the 2022 budget for our meeting with the DLGF this Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
3. Readi meetings are scheduled for tomorrow.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Budget meeting with the DLGF Thursday at 1:00.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Berkemeier said he will not be able to attend the budget meeting, but encouraged any of the other Council members to attend.

Monday from 6:00-9:00 there will be a utility transition meeting.

The Diversity and Inclusion Council will be having a golf outing to raise money for the Booker T Washington building.

Last week Berkemeier gave a presentation to the PEO group regarding the city parks.

There will be a joint meeting tomorrow with the Economic Development.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We will be having a final walk through for the splash pad.

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The concert last weekend produced a very large crowd. The next concert is in 2 weeks.
- **Community Center** – We continue to plug along. We are promoting the READI grant.
- **Housing – Boulder’s Schedule** – We are waiting on the 1st home to be built.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – BTW Golf Outing will be September 25th.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Park – Director Burklow reported that we will have our close out and walk through for the splash pad next Wednesday at 9:30.

The trails have been resealed.

The Library fundraiser is this weekend.

Cash Bash is Saturday.

Police – The Board of Works approved to offer a conditional offer of employment to Joseph Percell.

Animal – The shelter is very full with 32 dogs.

Utility – Council is invited to attend the joint meeting on Monday with the Board of Works and the Utility Board.

Street – The Street Department is finishing up with sidewalks.

They are beginning to gut the old animal shelter.

They will be pouring a concrete base for the utility street cut at the 100 block of east Water Street.

Fire – Since August 4 there have been 6 firefighters test positive with Covid. As of today, all have returned to work.

The Board of Works accepted the resignation of Ryan Marcoux and Josh Brown. Dean Wise will fill the spot left vacant by Brown as Deputy Chief Medical.

Received the paperwork for the remount from Fire Services. They will be giving us a build number as soon as they can.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Indiana REDIL Regional Application – Accelerate Rural Indiana”** – Mayor Pavey said they are meeting with different committees. He encouraged everyone to go to the web site and complete the survey.
2. **Annexation of Former Wal-Mart Retention/Detention Pond** – Ordinance 2021-19 - Next meeting there will be a public hearing.
3. **Joint Special Meeting – August 23, 2021 – Ordinance 2021-15 Replacing Utility Service Board with Board of Works** –Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2021-15. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **North Washington Street – Developer RFP – Russell Brown** – We are waiting on the drainage approval comments and the appraisal to come back.
 - a. Documents/Steps Required/Timelines
 - b. Drainage Approval
 - c. Appraisals – Kevin Klotz –
 - d. LOMA/Fair Board Pond Easement/Right-of-Way
 - e. Swap with Fairgrounds Agreement/Contract
 - f. Resolution Approving Swap
5. **Ambulance Contract Extension Conversations** – We have not met yet due to Covid.

NEW BUSINESS: This is scheduled for a public hearing at our next meeting.

1. Resolution 2021-20 – Jordan Industries SB1 – Public Hearing – 9-7-21
Resolution 2021-22 Confirmatory Resolution
2. **Resolution 2021-21 Police Transfer** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2021-21. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2021-23 Authorizing Application for OOR (Owner Occupied Rehab)** - Tara Hagan from ARa said that on or about August 27 the City of Rushville will submit application for an Owner Occupied Rehab grant. The grant is in the amount of \$150,000.00. The local funds match is \$37,500.00. There was a very good showing at the public hearing. The cap is \$15,000 per home. Bridges moved to approve the resolution. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **October Meeting Date Adjustment from 10/5 to 10/4 (AIM Conference)** – Reminder.

COVID-19: Cases are re-emerging. Most cases are non-vaccinated people. Pavey urged everyone to get vaccinated.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Marzon moved to approve the claims as presented. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Berkemeier asked the status on the ambulance contract. He said we need to try to get the ball rolling due to timing with budgets.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.